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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM OTTAWA MAY 25.

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SUBJECT: IMCO: PRESERVATION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT

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1. ON MAY 25 WE MET WITH O' NEILL, MACGILLIVRAY, WALSH AND MILLAR OF MOT AND ARNOULD OF EXTAF AND OUTLINED US PROPOSAL CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. INITIAL REACTION OF MOT OFFICIALS WAS QUITE POSITIVE BOTH ON SUBSTANCE AND TIMING. ARNOULD, HOWEVER, SAID IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR GOC TO DEVELOP FIRM POSITION ON US PROPOSAL WITHIN ONE WEEK BECAUSE PROPOSAL INVOLVES INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AFFECTING GOC STANCE ON LOS, POST- STOCKHOLM ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND RELATIONSHIP OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON MARINE POLLUTION TO IMCO MARINE SAFETY COMMITTEE, WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE AMENDMENT OF IMCO CONVENTION.

3. WE POINTED OUT THAT ALL USG WAS LOOKING FOR AT
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JUNE COUNCIL MEETING WAS COMMITMENT TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL, AND ON THIS BASIS, O' NEILL SAID GOC COULD FURNISH OFFICIAL REACTION BEFORE JUNE MEETING.

4. WE GAINED IMPRESSION CANADIANS ARE BASICALLY IN FAVOR OF US INITIATIVE, BUT CAUTIOUS ESPECIALLY ON RELATIONSHIP OF PROPOSED COMMITTEE TO MARINE SAFETY COMMITTEE. US DEL SHOULD ANTICIPATE QUESTIONS FROM CANADIANS ON THIS RELATIONSHIP, INCLUDING SUBJECT OF VESSEL ONSTRUCTION STANDARDS AIMED AT AVOIDING POLLUTION.
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